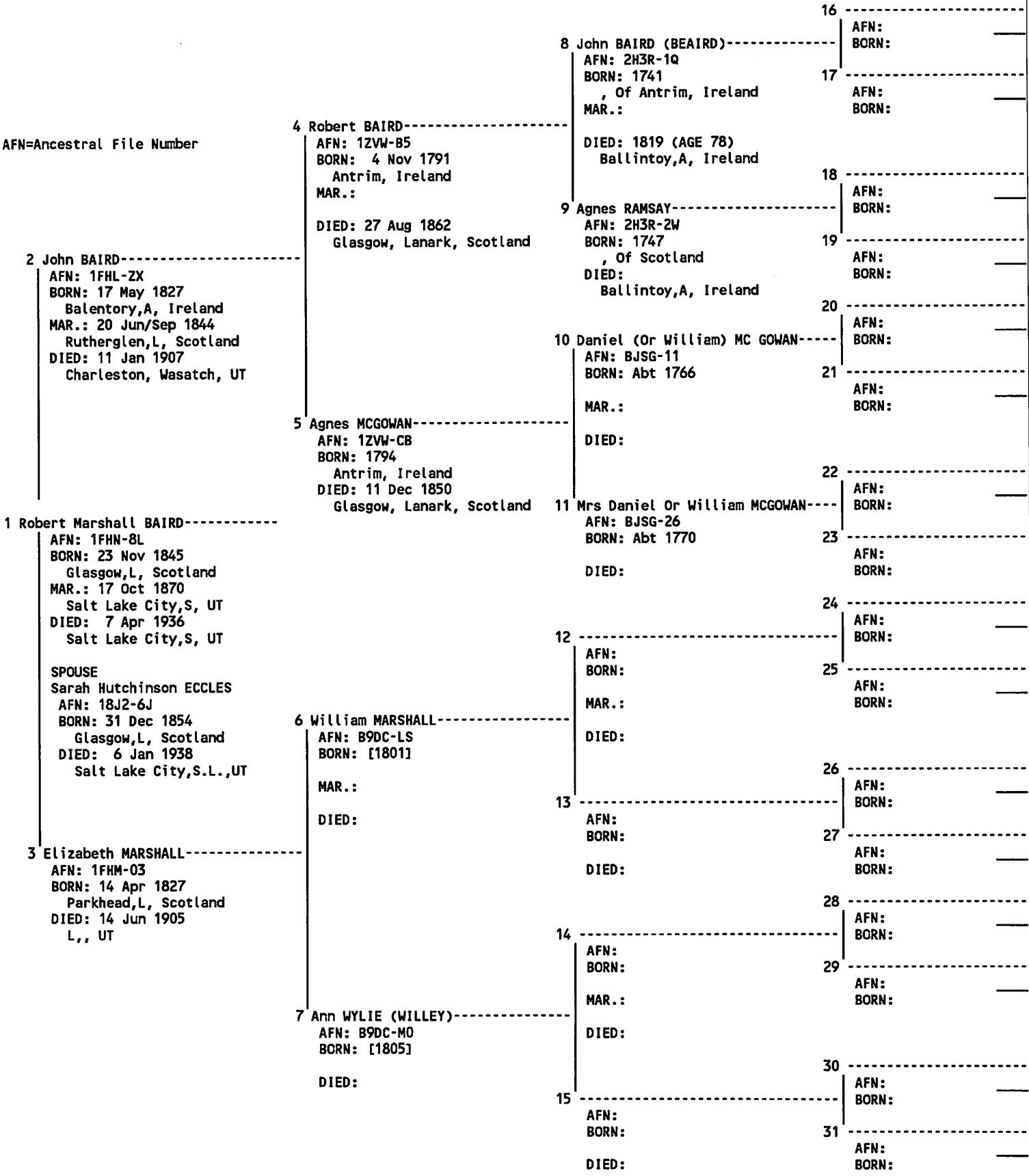


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AFN=Ancestral File Number



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Preparation and Administration Guidelines for I.V. Conscious Sedation

VERSED is a potent sedative agent which requires slow administration to the individual. Titration of dosage. Clinical experience has shown VERSED to be 4 times as potent per mg as diazepam. SERIOUS AND LIFE-THREATENING CARDIORESPIRATORY ADVERSE EVENTS HAVE BEEN REPORTED. PROVISIONAL MONITORING, DETECTION AND CORRECTION OF THESE EVENTS MUST BE MADE FOR EVERY PATIENT TO WHOM VERSED INJECTION IS ADMINISTERED, REGARDLESS OF AGE OR CLINICAL STATUS. Excess doses or rapid or single bolus intravenous administration may result in respiratory depression and/or arrest.

Considerations

VERSED must be individualized and titrated; never give by rapid or bolus. VERSED 1 mg/mL is recommended to facilitate slower titration. Both the 1 mg/mL and 5 mg/mL formulations may be diluted in sodium chloride or 5% dextrose in water. Individual patient response will vary with age, physical status and concurrent medications, but may also vary independent of these factors. Narcotic premedication results in less variability in patient response and a reduction in dosage of VERSED. For peroral procedures, topical anesthetic is recommended; for bronchoscopies, premedication is recommended. Increase the danger of underventilation or apnea is greater in elderly and those with chronic disease states or decreased pulmonary reserve because the peak effect may take longer in these patients, the dose should be smaller and the rate of injection slower.

Titrate slowly to the desired effect, i.e., initiation of slurred speech. Patients may respond to as little as 1 mg.

Adults Under 60:	Debililitated or Chronically Ill Patients; Patients 60 or Older: Unpremedicated
Initial Titration: Administer 2.5 mg. over at least 2 minutes.	Initial Titration: Not to exceed 1.5 mg. Administer over at least 2 minutes.
Increments: Wait an additional 2 minutes to evaluate effect.	Increments: Wait an additional 2 minutes to evaluate effect.
Administering with small increments	No more than 1 mg over a 2-minute period.
Wait at least 2 minutes after each increment to evaluate effect.	Wait at least 2 minutes after each increment to evaluate effect.
Do not administer more than 5 mg.	Total Dose: Usually, no more than 3.5 mg.
Adults Under 60:	Debililitated or Chronically Ill Patients; Patients 60 or Older: Premedicated
Other CNS Depressants	(narcotic or other CNS depressants)
Patients require 30% less than an unpremedicated patient.	Patients require at least 50% less VERSED than healthy, young unpremedicated patients.

If a thorough clinical evaluation indicates need for additional sedation, administer, by slow titration, 25% of dose used to first reach desired point.